



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20543

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August 21, 2003

Ray Peck, Treasurer
Montana State Democratic Central Committee
P.O. Box 802
Helena, MT 59624

Identification Number: C0010033

Reference: Amended 30 Day Post-General (10/17/02-11/25/02) and Amended Year
End (11/25/02-12/31/02) Reports, dated 7/10/03

Dear Mr. Peck:

This letter is to inform you that as of August 20, 2003 the Commission has not received your response to our requests for additional information dated July 30, 2003. These notices request information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to these requests (copies enclosed).

An adequate response must be received at the Commission by September 10, 2003. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Erik Koeppen on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or our local number (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

John D. Gibson

Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

Enclosures



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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JUL 30 2003

Identification Number: C00010033

Reference: Amended 30 Day Post-General Report (10/17/02-11/25/02), received
7/10/03

Dear Mr. Peck:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Please clarify all expenditures made for "Ad," "Ads," and "Newspaper Ad" on Schedule(s) H4. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedules B, E, or F supporting Lines 23, 24, or 25 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate. 11 CFR §§104.3(b) and 106.1

-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "Contracted Services." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

-Schedule A supporting Line 15 of the Detailed Summary Page discloses a refund(s) or rebate(s) of what appears to be a previously disclosed allocable expense(s) from "GMMB," "Schleckman and Hopey," and "Stones Phones". Please be advised that when a committee receives a refund or

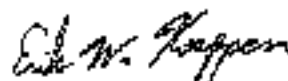
rebate of an allocable expense, it must be allocated between the federal and non-federal accounts according to the same allocation ratio used to allocate the original disbursement. Furthermore, the federal account must transfer the non-federal portion to the non-federal account and disclose this transfer-out on Schedule H4. Your report does not appear to disclose a transfer-out of the non-federal portion of this refund(s) or rebate(s). Please provide clarification regarding this apparent omission.

-Your report discloses a loan from a lending institution; however, you have not submitted a Schedule C-1 (copy attached) and a copy of the loan agreement. As an electronic filer, you must submit the Schedule C-1 electronically without the original signature from the lending institution. In addition, you must mail a copy of the loan agreement and a separate copy of the Schedule C-1 that contains the original signature from the lending institution. Please submit the missing documents. (11 CFR §§104.3(d)(2) and 104.18(h))

-The supporting schedule for loans and lines of credit from lending institutions (Schedule C-1) must include the name and address of the lender, amount, interest rate, date incurred, date due, the treasurer's signature, and the signature of an authorized representative of the lending institution, along with a copy of the loan agreement. In addition, it may be necessary to provide information regarding restructured loans, draws on lines of credit, secondary sources of repayment, traditional collateral, future receipts as collateral and other means of obtaining loans according to your activity. Please amend Schedule C-1 and any other affected schedules to provide the due date for the loan. 11 CFR §§100.7(b)(11) and 100.8(b)(12)

A response or amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



Erik W. Koeppen
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

LOANS AND LINES OF CREDIT FROM LENDING INSTITUTIONS

Federal Election Commission, Washington, D.C. 20463

Supplementary for
Information found on
Page _____ of Schedule C

NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)		FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER C	
LENDING INSTITUTION (LENDER) Full Name		Amount of Loan	Interest Rate (APR) %
Mailing Address		Date Incurred or Established M M / D D / Y Y Y Y	
City	State Zip Code	Date Due M M / D D / Y Y Y Y	
A. Has loan been restructured? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, date originally incurred M M / D D / Y Y Y Y			
B. If line of credit, Amount of this Draw:		Total Outstanding Balance:	
C. Are other parties secondarily liable for the debt incurred? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Endorsers and guarantors must be reported on Schedule C.)			
D. Are any of the following pledged as collateral for the loan: real estate, personal property, goods, negotiable instruments, certificates of deposit, chattel papers, stocks, accounts receivable, cash on deposit, or other similar traditional collateral? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, specify:		What is the value of this collateral? Does the lender have a perfected security interest in it? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
E. Are any future contributions or future receipts of interest income, pledged as collateral for this loan? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, specify:		What is the estimated value?	
A depository account must be established pursuant to 11 CFR 100.82(e)(2) and 100.142(e)(2). Date account established:		Location of account: Address: City, State, Zip:	
F. If neither of the types of collateral described above was pledged for this loan, or if the amount pledged does not equal or exceed the loan amount, state the basis upon which the loan was made and the basis on which it assures repayment.			
G. COMMITTEE TREASURER Typed Name Signature		DATE M M / D D / Y Y Y Y	
H. Attach a signed copy of the loan agreement.			
I. TO BE SIGNED BY THE LENDING INSTITUTION: I. To the best of this Institution's knowledge, the terms of the loan and other information regarding the extension of the loan are accurate as stated above. II. The loan was made on terms and conditions (including interest rate) no more favorable at the time than those imposed for similar extensions of credit to other borrowers of comparable credit worthiness. III. This Institution is aware of the requirement that a loan must be made on a basis which assures repayment, and has complied with the requirements set forth at 11 CFR 100.82 and 100.142 in making this loan.			
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE Typed Name Signature		DATE M M / D D / Y Y Y Y Title	